

**Claims:**

1. A method of removing flash from a brick defining a hole therein, the method comprising:
  - a) moving a rod through the hole; and
  - 5 b) directing a pressurized fluid from the rod into the hole.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising clamping the brick.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising aligning the hole with a longitudinal axis of the rod.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the directing step comprises spraying  
10 the pressurized fluid from a distal end of the rod.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the flow of the pressurized fluid into the hole is commenced about when the rod enters the hole.
6. The method of claim 5, further comprising retracting the rod out of the hole.
- 15 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the fluid is sprayed into the hole during the moving step and the retracting step.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the pressurized fluid comprises pressurized air.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the clamping step comprises restricting  
20 the longitudinal movement of the brick.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the clamping step comprises restricting the transverse movement of the brick.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein the method comprises removing flash  
25 are aligned.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein a plurality of the rods are moved through the bricks, wherein each of the bricks defines a plurality of holes.

13. An apparatus from removing flash from a brick defining a hole therein, the apparatus comprising:

- 5                   a) a frame;
- b) a clamp connected to the frame, wherein the clamp is adapted to releasably secure the brick; and
- c) a rod movably connected to the frame, the rod defining an axial channel therein;

10                   wherein the rod is adapted to move through the hole and deliver a pressurized fluid from the axial channel into the hole.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the rod comprises an elongate tube defining an open distal end, the elongate tube being adapted to spray the pressurized fluid from the distal end thereof into the hole.

15   15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the clamp further comprises:

- a) a front clamp plate connected to the frame
- b) a rear clamp plate movably connected to said frame;
- c) first and second side clamp plates movably connected to said frame;

20                   wherein said rear clamp plate is adapted for longitudinal sliding on the frame to clamp the brick in the longitudinal direction and the first and second side clamp plates are adapted for transverse sliding on the frame to clamp the brick in the transverse direction.

25   16. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a main carriage movably connected to the frame and adapted for longitudinal sliding movement, wherein the rod is connected to the main carriage.

17. The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a pair of sliding rails, wherein the main carriage and the rear clamp plate slides on the pair of sliding rails.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a pair of transverse rails, wherein the first and second side clamp assemblies are adapted to slide on the pair of transverse rails.
19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the pressurized fluid comprises  
5 pressurized air.
20. The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a supply of pressurized air, the supply being in fluid communication with the tube.
21. The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising a plurality of the rods.